

March 22, 2010

The S.C. Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Sirs:

I am writing regarding the propose rate increases that are being proposed by SCE&G.

I am eighty-one (81) years of age and a retired Baptist minister. As you know we have not had a cost-of-living in Social Security benefits in two years. What savings we had for retirement took a tremendous hit with the problems in the economy. Banks are paying very little if anything for CD's.

We have changed light bulbs in our house to the energy saving bulbs. We have storm windows and/or the new energy saving windows on our house. We are fortunate to live in a debt free home.

For retirees it seems that we are living on a railroad tract with trains coming at us from both ways. There is going to be a collision. We are being squeezed and our way of life is being threaten.


Please consider all of the senior adults across our area as you plan rate increases. Many of the retirees are not as fortunate as we are.

Our church budget is on 'hold' as far increases for the church staff, and for the operating budget.

Surely the investors in SCE&G know that the return on their investments would reflect the economy of the day.

PLEASE BE MERCIFUL TO THE RETIREES THAT YOU SERVE AS YOU  
CONSIDER INCREASING THE COST OF THE UTILITIES THAT ARE SO VITAL  
TO US.

Thanks,

  
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